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A fair system of allocating production of fishery products among various elements of the fish trade will be placed in effect where necessary after the establishment of ceiling prices on fresh fish, Coordinator of Fisheries Harold L. Ickes announced today.

In a number of areas fishermen follow the practice of selling to the highest bidder, the Coordinator pointed out. With ceiling prices established this auction system can no longer be followed and to insure canners, filleters, smokers, and wholesale fresh-fish dealers with a fair share of the catch it will be necessary to allocate it among the interests wanting to buy.

Allocation plans will be worked out in various ports, as they become necessary, by representatives of the Coordinator's office working in cooperation with area consultants representing all elements of the fishing industry.

While ceiling prices generally have been established on canned and processed fish by the Office of Price Administration, there are no ceilings at present on fresh fish with the exception of tuna and tuna-like species, OPA has informed the Coordinator's office, however, that price ceilings on other fresh fish varieties are now in the process of being formulated.

The allocation of landings of fishery products is one of the powers which have been delegated to the Coordinator of Fisheries by the War Food Administrator.